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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

November 14, 2006

A.L. Musgrave, Chairperson  
Special Issues/Continuity Committee  
Orange County Grand Jury  
700 Civic Center Drive West  
Santa Ana, California 92701

Re: Responses to the Orange County Grand Jury Report: Improving Child Abuse Response

Dear Chairperson Musgrave:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 9, 2006. I have reviewed the findings and recommendations on the *Improving Child Abuse Response* report. Below are my findings and recommendations.

## FINDINGS

### **6.2 Expansion of the enhanced protocol is planned.**

This is reasonable and appropriate and we look forward to the increased capacity of the SSA so we might participate.

### **6.3 Law enforcement agency procedures and training on child abuse response.**

We have not trained in the above protocol. It does not make sense to get our employees up to speed on a service the SSA cannot provide. We look forward to their increased capacity.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **7.1 Law enforcement agency acceptance of SSA field response protocol.**

We will agree, but have a couple of issues regarding trying to stay at a scene awaiting a 30 minute response. Every effort should be made to consider within

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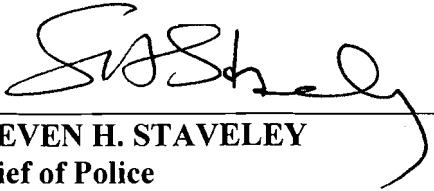
the SSA deployment of response personnel to police agencies in various regions of the county. We would look forward to such a consideration.

**7.2 Law Enforcement training on the enhanced protocol.**

This is reasonable and we would agree to add this to our already heavy burden in training.

I was somewhat dismayed that our response to the "Oversight of Orange County Law Enforcement Agencies..." was not listed on the website. I assume that the response (directed to Judge Wieben-Stock) has not yet been posted. If that is not the case and you need another copy, please let me know.

Respectfully,



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